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Pullman parlor cars and vestibule coaches will leave Washington at 10:10 A.M. and run through to Pittsburgh without change on the "Pittsburgh Day-Express," arriving Pittsburgh at 8:00 P.M.

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## HUGHES NO SMASHER.

**But He Would Take Corporations Out of Politics.**

**NEW YORK, December 30.**—Senator Hugh Hughes, who obtained the permission of Gov. Hughes to present his name as candidate for the presidency, to be inducted by the republican county committee, said yesterday:

"When I got this permission to present my name for the presidency, I had no thought of asking Gov. Hughes about national issues, because I am satisfied with his record as governor, and I believe the public is satisfied."

"It seems to me there is no reason why he should express his views at this time. He may not even have given particular thought to national questions as yet. Go back to the earliest history of the republican party. The views of candidates were not generally known in respect to all the issues that came up."

"Take the case of Lincoln. It was not generally known where he stood on all the issues. He had to decide when the issue came up."

"Now, the paramount issue in the present campaign is governmental control of private corporations. Everybody knows where the governor stands on that. His most notable work has been done along that line."

"The federal or state control?"

"That does not make much difference as long as the corporations are controlled," replied the senator. "They get their power from the state, and then turn around and run the political machinery, and become in effect the state."

"The issue is to drive the corporations out of politics. Hughes is in favor of that. He will control the corporations, but will do it in a conservative way, and will not smash anything."

No little political interest attaches to the opening of the New York legislature on Wednesday. It is felt that the coming together of the republican leaders

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# DRUCE GRAVE OPENED; BODY FOUND INSIDE

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other workers who were induced to buy shares in a company formed to prosecute the claims of George Hollamby Druce against the estate of the Duke of Portland.

The charge of perjury against Herbert Druce is a serious one, and the fact that a special meeting of the claimant and his friends and supporters will be held soon to consider the situation in its new aspect.

The home office does not intend to issue any official report of the exhumation.

Those persons who have sworn to the placing of lead instead of a human body in the coffin have been discredited, and they probably will have to take the consequences of their lies.

So far as the general public is concerned, the entire long-drawn-out Druce-Duke of Portland controversy is at an end, and the case of the claimant, George Hollamby Druce, has fallen to the ground.

## Story of the Case.

George Hollamby Druce, claimant to the title and estates of the Duke of Portland, has after several years spent in gathering fresh evidence in his support revived his case in the English courts, and the stories told by his new witnesses are of so sensational a nature that the keenest public interest has again been aroused over one of the most amazing mysteries the law has ever been called upon to unravel.

The dual life of the fifth Duke of Portland as placed together by the claimant is a remarkable romance that was ever met with between the covers of a book. The grounds upon which the claimant builds his case are as follows: He alleges that William John, fifth Duke of Portland, and Thomas Charles Druce were one and the same person, that the Duke of Portland for reasons of his own the name of Druce and led a dual existence, and that in 1864 he arranged for a burial of "Druce" and resumed his life as the Duke of Portland.

The Druce claim is that the burial was a sham, that the coffin did not contain a body and that there are direct descendants of the Duke of Portland living, inasmuch as he was married in the name of Druce and had children. When the Duke died in 1870 he was buried as a bachelor and the title of Duke of Portland passed to his son, a person named Druce, who took possession of the land, passed into the possession of his cousin, the present Duke.

The first claimant was the late Ann Marie Druce, widow of Thomas Charles Druce, who is stated to have been the only legitimate son of Thomas Charles Druce. George Hollamby Druce, the present claimant, has evidence proving beyond doubt that Thomas C. Druce was twice married and that he is a grandson of Druce by the latter's first marriage to Elizabeth Crickmer, which took place in 1816 at Bury St. Edmunds.

The Druce claim does not concern the title and estates of the Duke of Portland alone but also the vast London estate now held by Lord Howard de Walden from his mother, the late Dowager Lady Howard de Walden. The late Dowager inherited the estate from her brother, the fifth Duke of Portland, who died without heirs, and thereupon the estate, according to the will of the fourth Duke, went to the fifth Duke's sister, the Dowager Lady Howard, who died in 1864, leaving a fortune of half a million sterling a year and covers some of the best revenue-producing parts of central London.

## Succeeds to the Dukedom.

Among the theories offered as to the motives of the Duke in adopting an alias there is one to the effect that when young he was an object of aversion to his father on account of the skin disease from which he suffered, and therefore left home early in life with the determination of making out a career for himself under another name. As about the age of sixteen he met Elizabeth Crickmer, a girl little older than himself, who attended a boarding school at Bury St. Edmunds.

The boy and girl flirtation soon ended in a marriage, which could only be brought about by subterfuges on account of their extreme youth. In order to secure the marriage license they both declared themselves to be of age.

It is urged that Druce must have realized the necessity of concealing his identity, for the authorities would have communicated with his father, whose active opposition to the wedding would have been assured. It is said that Druce not only deceived the authorities, but also his wife, who knew him only as Druce.

In 1824, Druce abandoned his wife and children, and the evidence is noted that it was in the same year that Lord John Bentinck, as the future Duke was then known, succeeded his father, the Marquis of Titchfield. Until 1824 there is no record of the movements of Lord John. From 1824 to 1835 there is no trace of Druce, but abundant evidence of the doings of the new Marquis of Titchfield.

During these eleven years Druce's wife, left destitute, had a long and hard struggle with poverty. In 1835 she discovered her husband carrying on a flourishing business at the Baker street bazaar in the name of Thomas C. Druce. She organized her life, but refused to live with her again. She compelled him to allow her a weekly sum for maintenance, and he aided her in this. One of whom he took under his own care.

From 1835 until 1864, the date of his "burial," Druce was in almost daily attendance at the Baker street bazaar. When Druce occupied the stage, it is alleged that the Duke was mysteriously absent, and when the Duke was in evidence there was no Mr. Druce about.

Those who maintain that the Duke and Druce were different individuals point to one great contrast in their natures. The Duke was a bachelor and, as stated, a woman hater. He is described as a man who could not endure the opposite sex, who never formed an attachment with a woman, and whose life no love episode found a place.

## Subterranean Passages.

On the other hand Druce was known always to be partial to the society of women, and all through his career he seems never to have been free from several attachments at the same time. During the lifetime of his first wife he was living with Annie May, whom he afterwards married. In 1859, Druce, in order to reconcile these two conflicting characteristics it has been suggested that the Duke in his proper station it is impossible for the Duke to be a woman hater, but secured the opportunity when passing as an ordinary citizen of no great importance.

The evidence in support of the claimant's case, volunteered by many people, if true, would seem to prove conclusively that the Duke and Druce were the same person, and that the Duke, by his mysterious entrances and exits at the Baker street bazaar, and how he would suddenly appear among them, emerging through subterranean passages which undermined the premises. Having transacted his business, he would depart by the same means.

It is stated that one of these passages connected the shop with Cavendish house, the town residence of the Duke of Portland, and servants in the employ of the Duke tell similar stories of their master's appearances and disappearances through the various passages.

The claimant attaches much importance to these burrowing proclivities of the Duke and points to the fact that the Duke tunneling carried out by the Duke at Welbeck, his country seat. All the tunneling there is believed to have been done after 1864, the year in which Druce is supposed to have died.

For years an immense army of masons and other workers was employed at Welbeck in altering the whole place and building these tunnels. At one time more than 1,500 were employed besides the usual estate staff. The total length of the subterranean passages has been estimated at fifteen miles, and their cost at more than \$100,000,000.

## Death of Lord George.

Many other points of similarity between the fifth Duke of Portland and Druce are put forward by the claimant, such as similarity of features, gait, dress, a common use of photographic, peculiarities of dress, peculiarities of diet, a physical infirmity, both Druce and the Duke being known to

have suffered from a hereditary skin disease, and the fact that the Duke presented a jaundiced appearance together with a sort of pockmarkedness, and peculiar habits of secretiveness.

The claimant's case is based upon the fact that the Duke posed as a woman hater the story is told that both he and his younger brother, Lord George Bentinck, at one time paid public attention to the same young lady. This young lady was none other than the Duke's wife, the Duchess of Portland. The second wife of Druce. Upon this coincidence the claimant lays much stress.

Annie May was a natural daughter of the Duke of Portland, and her relations were on terms of the most intimate relations, marrying and intermarrying. The affection of the two brothers for Annie May is reported to have been indirectly the cause of Lord George's untimely death.

Some years ago Lord George was intensely indignant over his brother's attachment to this girl. Assuming that the Duke and Druce were the same person, it is regarded as probable that Lord George may have known of his brother's marriage to Elizabeth Crickmer and objected to his conduct when he was not in a position to make Annie May his lawful wife.

Words between the two brothers are reported to have ended in an exchange of blows. The younger brother is reported to have been the aggressor and to have struck the Duke a blow on the forehead, calling him an opprobrious name and among other things taunting him with being a leper.

In self-defense it is urged, the Duke or the Marquis of Titchfield, as he was then, at last struck back, hitting Lord George in the chest. Lord George fell, expired a few minutes later.

Such is the outline of a story which is vehemently affirmed and as vehemently denied. In the same year that the Duke died Annie gave birth to a child.

## Mock Funeral Story.

Regarding the alleged sham burial of Druce in 1864, there are several witnesses ready to come forward and swear that they saw Druce alive after that date, that they spoke to him and even had business dealings with him. Mrs. Hamilton, one of the witnesses in the case, before the courts, knew Druce well, and she affirms that she saw him and conversed with him after the supposed burial.

Some facts within her experience were produced by her before Sir Francis Jeune in the former Druce proceedings, and as a result of her evidence the case was sent to a prima facie case for opening the Druce grave in Highgate cemetery had been made out. In an affidavit Mrs. Hamilton has stated that on December 1864, "Druce" became filled with a desire to sink his identity as "Druce," and said to his father: "I must die," and suggested a mock burial for himself. My father besought him not to adopt such a course, but unavailingly.

## When the Sham Burial Took Place.

When the sham burial took place my father was present. On his return my father said to me:

"It's gone off better than I expected. I don't know how they took the coffin without any certificate. I tried to prevent Portland, but he would do it. There will be a terrible exposure some day, and if ever they know how they took the coffin, they will be flooded; but, anyhow, I prevented him putting the corpse of another person in the coffin. It is better to let it rest in anything than the corpse of another person."

The fact that the formality invariably observed of producing a doctor's certificate in the case of a death was not observed in the case of Druce is regarded as most significant.

The opening of the vault at Highgate cemetery, which is expected to take place, it has come to be regarded as the only issue. It was Mrs. Anna Druce, the former claimant, who carried on the long and arduous attempt to secure the exhumation, her opponents being the owners of the grave.

## Present Perjury Charge.

When victory seemed within her reach her case collapsed through an unfortunate mistake. She understood that the home secretary gave an undertaking that the grave would be opened on condition that she withdraw from the whole proceedings. She withdrew, and it was then discovered that she had misunderstood the home secretary's undertaking had been given by the home secretary.

Even then her cause might have been revived, but it was suddenly dispersed by the discovery of Druce's previous marriage to Elizabeth Crickmer.

During Mrs. Druce's search for evidence she unearthed a fact which showed that she had disposed of a valuable necklace which she had inherited from her father, the Duke of Portland, to a member of the Bentinck family for the sum of 10 shillings.

With regard to the present prosecution of Herbert Druce by George Hollamby Druce for perjury, it must be explained that the defendant is the owner of the grave, and for reasons best known to himself he refuses to allow it to be opened. The prosecution has its case based upon sworn statements made by Herbert Druce during former proceedings brought for the purpose of proving the Druce claim.

Herbert Druce then affirmed that he lived with his father, the late Thomas Charles Druce, all his life; that he was a bachelor; that he never married; that his father died; that he saw him; that he attended the funeral and saw the coffin laid in the vault; that he saw the body; that he was afterwards removed to the vault where it now lies. George Hollamby Druce contends that these statements were false and constitute perjury.

## Dickens and Druce.

Herbert Druce is a son of Thomas Charles Druce by Annie May, and was born in 1846. His father is a wealthy man, who succeeded to a considerable fortune, and, among other property, the Baker street bazaar.

The prosecution points out the interest of Herbert Druce in opposing the claimant by dwelling upon the fact that if it were proved that the Duke and Druce were the same individual, the will of Druce would be of no value, and both the title and property would fall to the direct descendant from the Duke's first marriage, George Hollamby Druce. It is further explained that had Thomas Charles Druce died intestate, the circumstances could Herbert Druce have succeeded to the property.

The most surprising new evidence offered by George Hollamby Druce, comes from two witnesses whose names have not hitherto appeared in the case. One of them is Miss Mary Robinson, who came forward as a witness in the former Druce proceedings. She is a long novelist, in order to act as amanuensis to Thomas Charles Druce. Her evidence is supported by a number of witnesses, and in which she recorded many events of considerable value to the claimant's case.

Druce, we set down as one of the most intimate friends of Dickens, which she shows existed between Dickens and Druce.

In January, 1889, the diarist says: "Mr. Druce, a man of known name, was here for years. He (Mr. Dickens) knew more about his affairs than any other man. Mr. Dickens could keep a secret when paid for, as well as he could keep one himself."

Other extracts from the diary read as follows:

April, 1870—return to London. Taking lodgings near Hyde Park. There I find Mr. Dickens, who looks very ill and run down. On one occasion, when in Hyde Park, we sat down and told the story of life of Mr. Druce as he knew it. He said:

"I want to have a quiet talk with you. You have mentioned me more than once. You knew Mr. Druce before you ever saw him at Welbeck, and also you knew that he was at that time Duke of Portland. I have known him in many ways, and therefore, you must now be trusted."

"I will try to explain to you as simply and as fully as possible what I know will interest you concerning Mr. Druce. Mr. Druce and the Duke of Portland are one and the same man."

## Miss Robinson's Diary.

"You know the words 'All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players. They have their entrances and their exits, and one man plays many parts.' Mr. Druce has played his part well so far, for he has had both his exit and his entrance."

"By that name he was known when in Baker street, London, to be the proprietor of a furnishing bazaar. On the continent he was known as the Duke of Portland, and known as Mr. Druce the Duke. He has

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## Got Off With the Loot.

**CORTLAND, N. Y., December 30.**—Burglars early today dynamited the safe of the private bank of Peter P. Muller & Son, and robbed it of \$3,700 in currency and two thousand-dollar bonds. They escaped.

## A Graceful Little Box-pleated Dress.

4291—Box-pleats in front and back, prettily arranged in pairs, give a most attractive appearance to this little dress. The attached skirt is of a gored shaping, the box-pleats corresponding with those on the blouse. The latter closes in the back, the wide turned-down collar, which is lined with satin, being attached with studs and closed in front. A long sleeve is desired the deep cuffs may be used, while for those of elbow length a narrow cuff is provided. Serge, brilliantine, or any of the fashionable women's fabrics would make up prettily by this model. 6 yards 24 inches wide being needed for the entire dress.

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shooting Saturday night she said that she told her lover that he must give her up, and that he had then shot her. There were no witnesses to the shooting. Stetson was a showworker, but for several weeks had been out of the country. A 1908 was a member of the class of 1908 of the Abington High School and was very popular.

## Steamer Stopped for Operation.

**NEW YORK, December 30.**—When Christmas eve festivities were at their height on board the steamer Panonia, the Cunard liner was brought to stop, in order that the ship's surgeon might have the most favorable conditions under which to perform an operation for appendicitis. The steamer lay-to for one hour, while the delicate but successful operation was done. The patient, a man passenger, is recovering.

## Change of Naval Attaches.

**BERLIN, December 30.**—The emperor gave a farrow audience yesterday to Lieut. Commander William L. Koward, former naval attaché at the American embassy here. Lieut. Commander Howard presented Lieut. Commander Reginald R. Belknap, his successor, to the emperor. Lieut. Commander Howard and Mrs. Howard sail for New York January 7.

## Kennedy Consecrated Titular Bishop.

**ROME, December 30.**—Manager Thomas F. Kennedy, rector of the American College, was consecrated as Titular Bishop of Adrianopolis yesterday. He received thousands of telegrams of congratulation, as well as many valuable presents from America, as well as from a large number of prelates who had gathered here for the ceremony. The presents included a beautiful gold pectoral cross from the pope, an episcopal mitre and crozier from the students of the college, and an episcopal ring from the spiritual director of the college.

## Break in Hoosier Harmony.

**NEW OBJECTS TO FAIRBANKS' FRIEND IN THE DELEGATION.**

**INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., December 30.**—The first note of discord in the harmony plan of the Fairbanks managers occurred yesterday, when friends of Harry S. New, chairman of the republican national committee, announced that he would not support the candidacy of Joseph B. Keating for delegate to the convention from this district, but might himself be a candidate. Keating is United States district attorney, and for the past ten years has been one of the most faithful of Fairbanks' adherents. He has been trusted with a number of delicate political missions, and Fairbanks has found him so serviceable and so adroit that he wants him on the staff of the convention.

It is understood that New desires re-election as national committeeman from Indiana, and the relations between him and Keating have not been friendly for the past three years. Naturally, the national chairman does not want a man on the delegation from his own congressional district who would oppose his re-election as committeeman, and he and his friends have determined that Keating shall not go to the convention as a delegate, even though he be the especial friend and admitted choice of the Vice President.

Mayor Bookwalter is the other delegate selected for this district, and New and his friends are perfectly satisfied with him and will make no fight against him.

## Bay State Girl Killed by Her Lover.

**ABINGTON, Mass., December 30.**—Miss Edith M. Ashley, eighteen years of age, died yesterday from a bullet wound inflicted Saturday night by her lover, Samuel H. Stetson, twenty-four years old of Rockland, who killed himself immediately after shooting her. The girl made no statement at the hospital, but after the